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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		Electronically Filed
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	DI :	08 CIV. 5459 (JSR)(DFE)
	Plaintiff,	Jury Trial Demanded
-against-		July IIIai Demanueu
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JENNIFER L. LUXENBERG,		
	Defendant.	

Defendant, JENNIFER L. LUXENBERG, by her attorneys, MEAD, HECHT, CONKLIN & GALLAGHER, LLP, answering the plaintiff's complaint, respectfully alleges upon information and belief:

FIRST: Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs designated "1" and "18" of the plaintiff's complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

**SECOND:** Defendant denies each and every allegation contained in paragraphs designated "2", "3" and "4" of the plaintiff's complaint and respectfully refers all questions of law to the Court.

**THIRD:** Defendant denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation contained in paragraphs designated "5", "6", the first paragraph designated "7", the second paragraph designated "7", the first paragraph designated "8", the second paragraph designated "8", "9", "10", "11", "12", the first paragraph designated "13" and "19" of the plaintiff's complaint.

FOURTH: Denies each and every allegation contained in the second paragraph

designated "13" and paragraphs designated "14", "15", "16" and "17" of the plaintiff's complaint.

## FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

FIFTH: As and for a first affirmative defense, this answering defendant alleges that the plaintiff's injuries and/or damages were caused in whole or in part by plaintiff's own culpable conduct, contributory negligence and/or assumption of risk, and plaintiff's claims are therefore barred or diminished to the extent that such culpable conduct, contributory negligence and/or assumption of risk contributed to the occurrence and the injuries and/or damages claimed therefrom.

### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

**SIXTH:** As and for a second affirmative defense, this answering defendant alleges that the causes of action as alleged in the plaintiff's complaint are barred by reason of failure to comply with and satisfy the requirements of Section 5102, The Comprehensive Automobile Insurance Reparations Act of the Insurance Law of the State of New York.

## THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

**SEVENTH:** As and for a third affirmative defense, this answering defendant alleges that defendant's liability is limited pursuant to CPLR section 4545.

#### **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

EIGHTH: As and for a fourth affirmative defense, this answering defendant alleges that by failing and neglecting to exercise ordinary care and making use of available seat belts, plaintiff acted unreasonably and in disregard of her own best interests, and that all or a portion of the injuries she sustained could have been eliminated or minimized by the exercise of reasonable conduct in using the available seat belts.

# FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

**NINTH:** As and for a fifth affirmative defense, this answering defendant alleges that the Court lacks jurisdiction of the person of the defendant, JENNIFER L. LUXENBERG, in that said defendant has never been properly served with the summons and complaint, and said defendant does not waive any defense by appearing in this action.

# **SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**TENTH:** The action should be dismissed pursuant to the doctrine of forum non conveniens.

# **SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

**ELEVENTH:** Venue should be transferred to California for the convenience of the parties and witnesses, in the interest of justice pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1404.

WHEREFORE, the defendant, JENNIFER L. LUXENBERG, demands judgment against the plaintiff, dismissing the complaint together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated:

Mamaroneck, New York June 20, 2008

Yours, etc.,

MEAD, HECHT, CONKLIN & GALLAGHER, LLP Attorneys for Defendant - JENNIFER L. LUXENBERG

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Case 1:08-cv-05459-JSR Document 3 Filed 06/20/2008 Page 4 of 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK MELESSA A. ROSA, 08 CIV. 5459 (JSR)(DFE) Plaintiff, **VERIFICATION** -against-JENNIFER L. LUXENBERG, Defendant. -----X STATE OF NEW YORK )ss.: COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER I, the undersigned, am an attorney admitted to practice in the Southern District of New York and say that: I am associated with the firm of MEAD, HECHT, CONKLIN & GALLAGHER, LLP, the attorneys of record for the defendant, JENNIFER L. LUXENBERG, and have read the annexed Amended Answer, know the contents thereof and the same are true to my knowledge, except those matters therein which are stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true. My belief, as to those matters therein not stated upon knowledge, is based upon the information and investigation contained in the file maintained by my office. The reason that I make this affirmation instead of defendant is that defendant, JENNIFER L. LUXENBERG, does not maintain an office nor resides in the County where our offices are maintained, to wit: Westchester County. I affirm that the foregoing statements are true under penalties of perjury. Dated: Mamaroneck, New York June 20, 2008

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STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHEST	) ss.:	A	
LAURIE MARGOLIS to this action, is over 18 years	S, being duly swo	orn, deposes and says: es at Mamaroneck, Ne	that deponent is not a party w York.
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Sworn to before me this 20th day of June, 2008.  Notary Public  SARA LUCA SALVI Notary Public, State of New York	Dhi`		

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